

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
OFFICE OF LICENSING/ INSPECTION/VIOLATION REPORT

Center Name: The Learning Tree	Center ID#: 081200280	County: Hudson
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Address: 411-413 Martin Luther King Drive	City: Jersey City	Zip Code: 07306	Email:
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Phone: 201-433-3900	Fax:	Initial Inspection: 3/6/2014	License Status: Regular 1/5/2015
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Due Date(s):*	3/20/2014	4/9/2014				
Date(s) Reinspection:	4/1/2014	5/8/2014				
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Center is in compliance with requirements as of: 5/8/2014 *Reinspection occurs on or soon after due date

Transferred from initial renewal inspection 12/15/201, 4/1/14 AD.

Renewal ☒ Initial ☐ Monitor ☐ Increase ☐ Age Change ☐ Relocation ☐ New Sponsor ☐ Space Evaluation ☐ Complaint # ☐

Date Cited M/D/Year	Date Abated M/D/Year	Based on a inspection(s) conducted by the Office of Licensing (OOL) the above date(s), the center needs to take the following actions in order to come into compliance with the MANUAL OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS (N.J.A.C. 10:122):
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Supervision, Staff/Child Ratios & Space

		<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Provide 2 staff to work with the children: when 6 or more children are present; on any field trip, outing, or special event away from the center regardless of transportation; or with more than 12 school-age children on walks.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Ensure that children are supervised by a staff member at all times, including at off-site locations.

Notes:

		<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Develop and implement a method to keep track of all children, including at off-site locations.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Maintain required staff to meet ratios: when children are awake; sleeping; on premises during naptime.

Notes:

		<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Limit group size to 12 infants (under 18 months), 20 children for early childhood or 30 children for school-age
		<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Assign a primary caregiver for group of 4 infants and 6 toddlers.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Post the center's license in a prominent location in each building.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Operate within the center's licensed capacity and within each room's capacity.

Notes:

		<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Identify and maintain space requirements for all rooms approved by the OOL for children's use; make unapproved space inaccessible to children.
3/6/2014	3/6/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Ensure the children's health, safety and well-being.

Notes: Center's bathrooms were unusable and actively under construction. Sponsor rectified during OOL inspection.

Activities & Discipline

3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. Provide a sufficient variety of age-appropriate activities.
3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12. Provide age-appropriate time frames for each activity.

Note: If number is checked, see attachment page(s) for clarification.

		<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Provide enough supplies, furniture and equipment for the required activities.
3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14. Provide daily structured and unstructured indoor and outdoor energetic physical activity that promotes coordination and movement skills: 30 minutes for children in care less than 4 hours; 60 minutes for children in care more than 4 hours. Avoid inactivity for more than 30 minutes unless eating or sleeping.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 15. Develop policies/plans for use of TV/computer/video by children: under 2 years; over 2 years; with special needs; in care less than 4 hours; in care more than 4 hours.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 16. Ensure use of TV/computer/video is educational/instructional and age/developmentally appropriate, and not used as a substitute for planned activities or for passive viewing.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 17. Significantly limit the use of TV/computer/video for children under the age of 2.
3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18. Use positive methods of guidance and discipline consistent with children's age and developmental needs: prohibit corporal and/or emotional punishment.

Notes:

		<input type="checkbox"/> 19. Ensure staff do not withhold active play times as a means of discipline unless a child's actions or behavior present a danger to themselves or others.
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Nutrition & Rest

		<input type="checkbox"/> 20. Provide nutritious food and beverages that comply with the manual/CACFP standards including a variety of fruits and vegetables and a high portion of whole grains; limit foods high in solid fats, added sugar, trans fats, and sodium. (Refer to CACFP standards at (www.fus.usda.gov/cnd/care/childcare.htm))
		<input type="checkbox"/> 21. Provide cribs that meet CPSC standards and maintain documentation on file.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 22. Provide infants/toddlers with opportunities to leave their sleeping equipment to crawl, walk and play.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 23. Ensure children 12 months and younger are initially placed in a face-up sleeping position unless indicated in writing by child's health care provider.

Administration & Parent Involvement

6/21/2013	5/8/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 24. Designate someone in the center to carry out the director's responsibilities when the director is absent.
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Program Records

		<input type="checkbox"/> 25. Complete and maintain at the center the staff records checklist.
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Notes:

		<input type="checkbox"/> 26. Ensure that Child Abuse Record Information (CARI) checks are completed as required for the sponsor/sponsor representative and all regularly scheduled staff.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 27. Ensure that Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) checks are completed as required for the sponsor/sponsor representative and all regularly scheduled staff.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 28. Hire and submit the required documentation for the following: director; head teacher; group teacher; program supervisor.

Notes:

		<input type="checkbox"/> 29. Maintain record of annual staff training on use of fire alarms and emergency evacuation procedures including evacuation and lock down.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 30. Ensure that all full-time staff complete 10 hours annual training with 2 hours in each of the following core areas: child growth and development; positive guidance and discipline; health and safety.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 31. Ensure that the director, head teacher, group teacher and program supervisor complete 20 hours of annual training in 1 or more of the following: professional development approved by Professional Impact New Jersey or the National Child Care Association, or equivalent staff development in three or more of nine specific management areas including physical activity, special needs programming, & ADA guidelines.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 32. Ensure that 2 staff members who have current certified basic knowledge of first aid principles and CPR are at the center at all times when enrolled children are present.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 33. Review, at least annually, a list from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) regarding unsafe products and provide staff and parents with CPSC website www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html

Sanitation & Diapering

3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 34. Wash and disinfect: toilet training chairs and potty seats after each use; diapering surfaces after each use; toys mouthed by infants and toddlers after each use; mats after each use unless stored separately; sleeping equipment weekly; sheets and blankets weekly; tables before each meal.
3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 35. Ensure that children wash their hands with soap and running water: before intake of food; after using the toilet; after having a diaper change; and as needed.
3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 36. Ensure that staff wash their hands with soap and running water: before preparing or serving food; after assisting a child in toileting; after changing diapers; after contact with body fluids or secretions; and as needed.

Health & Fire SafetyNote: If number is checked, see attachment page(s) for clarification.

		<input type="checkbox"/> 37. Obtain and maintain on file a current health certificate.
6/21/2013	4/1/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 38. Obtain and maintain on file a current fire certificate.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 39. Conduct and document monthly fire drills during each session provided at the center and evacuate all children within 3 minutes.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 40. Ensure the center's fire protective systems are operative at all times.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 41. Develop and post prominently on every floor of the center an emergency plan including evacuation, disaster and lockdown procedures.
6/21/2013	5/8/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 42. Ensure that all exits and egress areas are unobstructed, and exit doors are easily operable.
Notes: Rear exit was blocked with storage and a copy machine. Made accessible during OOL inspection, relocate storage.		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 43. Ensure that illuminated exit signs and emergency lighting are operable at all times.
3/6/2014		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 44. Ensure that fire extinguishers are serviced and tagged annually, and recharged if necessary.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 45. Remove excess storage and/or combustibles from the furnace room.
Bathroom & Kitchen Facilities		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 46. Ensure all toxic substances and medications are inaccessible to children.
Notes:		
Building Maintenance		
3/6/2014	5/8/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 47. Keep all surfaces clean and in good repair.
Notes: Pertains to sheet rock dust from construction debris in the bathroom and adjoining area.		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 48. Provide 1 of the 4 monitoring options listed in the manual.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 49. Repair and/or paint surfaces in specified areas:
Notes:		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 50. Ensure that indoor and outdoor equipment is sturdy, safe and free of hazards.
Notes:		
Outdoor Play Area, Equipment and Maintenance		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 51. Provide and maintain play equipment to meet public playground design standards (ASTM F-1487) as specified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). (Not for profits by 10/18/14)
		<input type="checkbox"/> 52. Provide and maintain resilient surfacing (ASTM F-1292) and use zones under all play equipment that subjects children to a fall as specified by the CPSC.
		<input type="checkbox"/> 53. Take necessary action to remove outdoor hazards.
Notes:		

ALERT: Effective 8/6/14, stackable cribs are prohibited.

☐ See attached Transportation Inspection/Violation page.

Inspector(s) Name(s)

Elissa Lombardo 3/6/2014 Ann Darlington

#	Date Cited	Date Abated	Inspection/Violation Report Attachment	
500	3/6/2014		Label all children's bottles with the child's name and date	Delete
501	3/6/2014		Life Hazard Use Certificate expired 2/17/2014	Delete
11	3/6/2014		Toddlers were only provided with one activity of table toys. Babies were left alone in feeding tables on the floor without an activity while staff attended to chores.	Delete
12	3/6/2014		Children trying to move about were required to sit at tables for over an hour. Staff would not allow them to use any materials except for what the staff placed on the tables. Infants were required to sit without an activity for over an hour.	Delete
14	3/6/2014		There was no opportunity for toddlers to choose activities or materials. Children were required to sit the entire morning resulting with in-activity of the toddlers for over 30 minutes. Infants were locked into feeding chairs for over an hour before being allowed to move about freely, at OOL's request.	Delete
18	3/6/2014		Staff required toddlers to sit at tables with their toys. When the children would get up, the staff repeatedly and harshly scolded them and told to sit back down.	Delete
44	3/6/2014		One fire extinguisher was not tagged current	Delete
502	6/21/2013		Provide documentation indicating that the center's director is present and scheduled to work at least 50% of the center's daily operating hours.	Delete
503	6/21/2013		Provide documentation indicating that the center's head teacher is present and scheduled to work at least 75% of the center's daily operating hours	Delete